

# **Surface Water Program Assessment**

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**Goal** of the assessment is to review all outstanding issues; get a basic understanding of the legal and administrative issues related to implementing the Surface Water program; and propose solutions prior to entering into a Rulemaking process.

## **Tasks**

### **Phase I – Issue Assessment & Proposed Solutions**

- Review w/ADWR Legal and Surface Water Division each outstanding issue.
- Meet w/ internal and external individuals and groups to obtain their perspectives on issues, possibly identify additional issues, and get their point of view on possible solutions.
- Develop white papers on issues and develop possible solutions.
- Conduct stakeholder meetings throughout the State to get input on white papers and revise if possible.

### **Phase II – Rulemaking Process**

- Identify the Scope of the Rulemaking process based on resolution of outstanding issues and areas that need to be clarified in Rule (may be one in the same).
- Draft proposed Rules.
- Conduct Stakeholder meetings to get input on proposed Rules, get informal public comments on proposed Rules, and revise as necessary.
- Initiate formal Governor's Regulatory Review Process (also requires public input/comment on proposed Rule package).